

To: Attorney General John Ashcroft
Company:
From: Son Integration, Inc.
Subject: Microsoft Settlement



January 22, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

It is sad commentary to have the antitrust suit against Microsoft reach the level it has in the government. The suit sends the wrong message that free enterprise is threatened in the United States. I would agree that Microsoft has not always been on the straight and narrow, but I think it is fair to build a company and have people choose to become dependant on your products. Furthermore, I believe that denying the settlement reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice will have an adverse effect on the economy.

The current settlement process appears to be stifling the free market, but I believe it is necessary to settle the case as soon as possible to help the economy and industry move forward. Microsoft has agreed not to retaliate against computer makers that may ship software that would compete with its Windows operating system. Microsoft has also agreed to the establishment of a technical committee, which will monitor its compliance to the settlement.

I view this suit as an attack on democracy and a hindrance of the capitalist ethic. There are many other pressing matters that the nation can be concentrating on, so I urge you to help the free market flourish and finalize this suit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Greg Steirer', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Greg Steirer
President

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